

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 7, and add new claims 13-20, as follows:

Q3 1. A brake lever mechanism comprising:

a base member formed with a cable guide and said base member having a pivot point defined thereon at a generally fixed position on said base member, said pivot point spaced apart from said cable guide;

a lever arm formed with a handle portion and a support portion, said support portion mounted for pivotal movement on said pivot point from a brake dis-engagement position to a brake engagement position and said handle portion formed with a cable connector;

an adjusting mechanism mounted in said support portion, said adjusting mechanism being spaced apart from said pivot point, said adjusting mechanism having a cable contact point, wherein said adjusting mechanism adjusts the relative position between said cable contact point and said pivot point.

Q4 7. The brake lever mechanism as in claim 4, wherein said adjusting mechanism comprises a first portion having at least one pin member which extends through said slot in said support portion, and said adjusting mechanism includes a contact [member] body attached to said first portion, said cable contact point being formed on said contact [member] body.

Q5 13. A brake lever mechanism comprising:

a base member formed with a cable guide and said base member

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having a pivot point defined thereon spaced apart from said cable guide;

a lever arm formed with a handle portion and a support portion, said support portion mounted for pivotal movement on said pivot point from a brake dis-engagement position to a brake engagement position and said handle portion formed with a cable connector;

an adjusting mechanism mounted in said support portion, said adjusting mechanism having a cable contact point, wherein said adjusting mechanism adjusts the relative position between said cable contact point and said pivot point;

wherein said support portion is formed with a first slot and a second slot generally parallel to said first slot, and said adjusting mechanism is formed with a pin extending through said first slot and said adjusting mechanism includes a screw extending though said second slot, and said adjusting mechanism confined to selective movement along said first and second slots.

2 ~~14~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~13~~, further comprising a fine adjusting mechanism extending through a portion of said base member for engagement with said support portion, wherein said fine adjusting mechanism adjusts the relative position between said lever arm and said cable guide with said lever arm in said brake dis-engagement position.

3 ~~14~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~13~~, further comprising a fine adjusting mechanism extending through a portion of said base member for engagement with said adjusting mechanism, wherein said fine adjusting

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mechanism adjusts the relative position between said lever arm and said cable guide with said lever arm in said brake dis-engagement position.

4 ~~18~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~18~~, wherein said first slot extends lengthwise in said support portion from a point proximate said pivot point away from said pivot point.

5 ~~18~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~18~~, wherein said adjusting mechanism comprises a first portion having at least one pin member which extends through said first slot in said support portion, and said adjusting mechanism includes a contact body attached to said first portion, said cable contact point being formed on said contact body.

6 ~~18~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~18~~, wherein said cable guide comprises an aperture extending through a portion of said base member and a cable length adjusting member encircling one end of said aperture on threads formed on said base member.

7 ~~18~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~18~~, wherein said support portion of said lever arm comprises generally parallel first and second support portions spaced apart from one another extending from said lever portion, said first slot comprising parallel first and third slots formed in said first and second support portions, respectively, said adjusting mechanism being disposed between said first and second support portions, and said adjusting mechanism having a pin which extends through said first and third slots.

8 ~~18~~ The brake lever mechanism as in claim ~~18~~, wherein said first and